NEW DEAN
KENNETH CHANCE, D.D.S. ’79

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Alumni and Friends,

Let me begin by thanking all of you who have made the first few months of my deanship such a pleasant experience. It is wonderful to be back at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, and to have the opportunity to serve the students, faculty, staff, and alumni of this outstanding dental school. It is an honor to be entrusted to carry on the traditions of excellence at what I firmly believe to be one of the finest dental schools in the world.

I am excited to be here, and I have arrived at a very exciting time. As many of you are aware, the School of Dental Medicine is planning to move, along with the medical and nursing schools, to a new healthcare campus on the grounds of the Cleveland Clinic.

This move represents a major opportunity for us, for our friends at the Clinic, and for the entire region. It will create a national healthcare powerhouse by bringing together under one roof, the Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine, the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine, School of Nursing, and School of Dental Medicine. It’s important to note that we will keep our autonomy as Case Western Reserve University.

Opportunities abound with this move. We will have a world-class facility to match our world-class faculty and curriculum. The reputation that CWRU provides in the educational front coupled with the reputation the Clinic has in its clinical fortes makes for a very good match that will benefit everyone involved. The potential synergies that can be produced are almost mind-boggling.

We don’t have a specific date set for the move. It takes a tremendous amount of planning to bring an undertaking of this magnitude to fruition, but the faculty and staff are fully engaged. The move represents the dreams and aspirations of many people, and there’s much excitement now that it is ever closer to reality.

Change can be difficult, and perhaps some may have concerns that the upcoming move will somehow diminish their alma mater. It’s important to remember, however, that the School of Dental Medicine is not a building; it’s the people inside the building, and the way we do things. Those things won’t change, except to improve.

When you move your family into a new house, you’re still a family. The same applies here. The programs that have so endeared the school to its students and alumni over the years, such as the early clinical experience, are part and parcel of who we are — and will continue to be.

Also keep in mind that the school has moved before. For the first 25 years of its existence it was downtown at East 9th Street and St. Clair Avenue. In 1917 it moved to a building on Adelbert Road, and moved again in 1969 to our current building. In fact, part of the reason for the move to the current building was to bring us into closer proximity with the medical and nursing schools.

The move to the Cleveland Clinic campus is an extension of that thinking. It will place all of us under one roof and add to the mix the excellent Lerner College of Medicine as a partner. This move is in line with how institutions become elite over their history.

So please share our excitement as we prepare to move to a new, state-of-the-art facility. And rest assured that we will remain the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and we will keep intact the qualities that make our school a unique and special place.
Researchers link byproducts of gum disease with oral cancer growth

Researchers from the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine have discovered how byproducts from two bacteria prevalent in gum disease incite the growth of deadly Kaposi's sarcoma-related lesions and tumors in the mouth.

The discovery could lead to early saliva testing for the bacteria, *Porphyromonas gingivalis* and *Fusobacterium nucleatum*. If found, the bacteria could be treated and the patient monitored for signs of cancer before it develops into a malignancy, the researchers say.

“These new findings provide one of the first looks at how periodontal bacteria create a unique microenvironment in the oral cavity that contributes to the replication of the Kaposi’s sarcoma Herpesvirus and development of Kaposi’s sarcoma,” said lead researcher Fengchun Ye, Ph.D., an assistant professor in the Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine’s Department of Biological Sciences.

The discovery was published in *The Journal of Virology*.

Dr. Ye said high levels of the two bacteria are found in the saliva of people with periodontal disease, and at lower levels in those with good oral health — further evidence of the link between oral and overall physical health.

“The most important thing to come out of this study is that we believe periodontal disease is a risk factor for Kaposi’s sarcoma tumor in HIV patients,” Dr. Ye said. With that knowledge, he added, those with HIV must be informed about the importance of good oral health.

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Evaluating dental studies with evidence-based practices benefits dentists, patients

Dental medicine has joined medicine, nursing, psychology, social work, and other fields to develop evidence-based practices that are the gold standards of patient care.

“Evidence-based practices evolve from studies that collect and analyze data to understand what does or doesn’t work. These practices go beyond observations or theories, and are backed by scientific research data to support how best to treat patients,” said Leena Palomo, D.D.S., M.S.D., ‘00, ‘04, associate professor of periodontics at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine.

The editors of The Journal of Evidence-Based Dental Practice recently invited Dr. Palomo to contribute an analysis of a Journal of Dental Research article titled “Body Mass Index as a Predictive Factor of Periodontal Therapy Outcomes.”

The JDR article pulled data for 260 participants to determine whether a link existed among obesity, gum disease, and poor outcomes after the patients received nonsurgical dental treatments.

Dr. Palomo used evidence-based standards to see if the study met three goals:

- Citing and discussing findings from other studies that relate to the new research
- Organizing in a standardized way that reports the hypothesis or purpose of the study, the research method, and includes a discussion and conclusion about the findings and what they mean
- Focusing on qualitative outcomes, disregarding intuition or unsupported theories.

She concluded that although the message is strong that a link exists between obesity and gum disease, “This one study is not sufficient evidence for clinicians to be able to attribute poor results of periodontal therapy to obesity alone. More well-controlled studies are needed for this information to translate to chairside utilization.”

Analyses such as these are particularly important for practicing dentists who generally treat patients instead of conducting research. Conversely, many researchers are in the lab instead of chairside with patients. Both the researcher and practicing dentist can benefit from understanding one another’s processes and how research can drive changes in patient care, Dr. Palomo said.

New method of isolating immune cells holds promise for infectious disease research

Case Western Reserve University dental researchers have found a way to extract single rare immune cells from the mouth to study how the mouth’s natural defenses ward off infection and inflammation.

By isolating some specialized immune cells (white blood cells known as leukocytes) to study how they fight diseases in the mouth, researchers hope to learn more about treating and preventing such health issues as oral cancers, cardiovascular disease, AIDS, and other infectious diseases.

“To this point, researchers have had to rely on studying and growing immune cells from blood; immune cells removed from the mouth couldn’t be isolated with enough viability or grown to study their activities,” said Pushpa Pandiyan, Ph.D., assistant professor of biological sciences at the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine and the study’s lead author.

Using mouse models, Dr. Pandiyan and her fellow researchers were able to isolate two important specialized immune T lymphocytes from the mouth that play a role in fighting oral diseases. The researchers reported that more than 94 percent of the isolated cells lived long enough to study.

The new method is described in the online journal Biological Procedures.
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On July 1, Kenneth Chance, D.D.S. ’79, became the sixteenth dean of the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine. Dr. Chance, who had been serving as professor and chief of endodontics at the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry, has always remained close with his alma mater: he was the first dental school alumnus or dentist to serve on the university’s board of trustees, and was vice-chairman of the university’s Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee.

Dr. Chance was selected as the CWRU School of Dental Medicine’s Distinguished Alumnus in 2004 and received the Paul P. Sherwood Award for Excellence in Endodontics in 1979. He has served as dean and professor at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry and as a health policy aide for U.S. Sen. Frank Lautenberg (D-NJ). Dr. Chance holds fellowships in the American and International College of Dentists, Pierre Fauchard Academy, and Omicron Kappa Upsilon; has received Robert Wood Johnson Health Policy and Pew Fellowship Awards; and was elected a Distinguished Practitioner in the National Academy of Practice in Dentistry.

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“The dental school is a long-standing institution with an outstanding reputation in the dental community, and the university as a whole benefits from that,” he said.

A native of The Bronx, New York City, Dr. Chance earned his undergraduate degree in biology from Fordham University before attending the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. He then completed his endodontics training at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (now a part of Rutgers University’s School of Biomedical and Health Sciences).

Dr. Chance has four children and four grandchildren. His wife, Keli, originally hails from Columbus, Ohio, so the return to Cleveland represents a bit of a homecoming for her, also.

The always-gracious Dr. Chance recently took time out of his busy schedule to discuss his plans and dreams for the School of Dental Medicine, and his excitement at the opportunity to lead the school to even greater heights than it has already achieved.

Let’s go back to the very beginning: How and when did you know you wanted to pursue a career in dentistry?

KC: I was born and raised in the southeast Bronx. In that community, lack of oral care was noticeable. Many individuals would miss school or work because of oral health-related situations. I saw people in pain, some with improper nourishment, and others not getting the jobs of which they were capable, all because of unhealthy and/or missing teeth. And I saw that as a deficit for the community as well as the individuals. I thought that if I could help in some regard, the quality of life of individuals and the community as a whole would be improved. So the idea of helping people through dentistry became important to me at an early age.

Can you tell us about your experience as a student at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine?

KC: I applied to a number of dental schools, and Case Western Reserve University’s was the first at which I interviewed. I was impressed by the care with which I was given in the interview, particularly by Dr. Jefferson Jones, who at that time was the chairman of the Department of Endodontics and later became my mentor. I was accepted, and I immediately stopped the interview process at other schools and tendered my acceptance letter.

I have never regretted that decision. The school lived up to all of my expectations. The early experience in treating patients was awesome. The ability to include the biological considerations of what we do in an early time in the clinical phase was very
important to me. There was also a great deal of camaraderie thanks to the community outreach in which we engaged. For example, we had a mobile dental unit that allowed us to go to the homes of individuals who couldn’t get out to receive dental treatment. Those types of experiences made me even more sympathetic to the conditions that some people must deal with in accessing adequate health care, be it oral health care or medical care.

The school also gave me a “home away from home” feeling. Overall, my experience as a student was terrific. As an aside, my son, Christopher, is currently enrolled in the pediatric dentistry program here.

What do you see as the strengths of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine?

KC: We are our greatest strength. With our exemplary faculty and alumni, superb staff, and outstanding students, our dental school has the highest reputation for excellence. With that being said, we enjoy a strong relationship with the community. We have many programs that really showcase the school’s sense of community as well as its technical skills. Just as one example, in our award-winning Healthy Smiles Sealant Program, we work with the Cleveland Metropolitan School District. We see more than 5,000 students per year and have seen more than 40,000 students since the program’s inception. We interface with them in very special ways. Many of these patients have never seen a dentist before. We give them a wonderful first look at dentistry and teach them about caring for their teeth and their health, and in the process we also give our students a first look at working with children.

Another strength is our research capabilities. Our school has contributed mightily in research in areas such as microbiology — oral health status and systemic disease, immunology — head and neck cancer and HIV, and community outreach — disparities research, and we’ve excelled at it over the years. Producing new knowledge is what we do here, and we utilize that information through translational research. With evidence-based research applications, we practice with higher levels of confidence in the clinic.

Yet another tremendous strength is that we teach in a way that allows our students to learn in an optimal fashion. Our REAL (Relevant, Experiential, Active Learning) program is an American Dental Education Association GIES Award-winning program that utilizes a small-group learning environment where students share responsibility for learning, creating a culture of inquiry and scholarship early on. We try to integrate students’ biomedical, social science, and clinical skills so the needs of the total patient can be properly addressed. Also, we have a number of different inter-professional education programs with our partners at the university, and collaborative efforts in our postgraduate programs as well. We try to provide a very balanced and comprehensive curriculum for our students.

In what areas do you see room for improvement at the school?

KC: I think there are some great opportunities to be found by strategically enhancing our strengths. The ability for us to provide financial aid to our students is crucial. Endowed chairs and programs are very important to our school in order to recruit world-class faculty. Areas of interest that we can provide as offerings for our alumni donors to help support our efforts — areas that are true and dear to their hearts — are the areas we want to improve upon.
How has education changed over the years? How is the school changing to keep up?

KC: I think education has become more centered toward students and how they learn, and the goal becomes giving students the resources through which they can actively learn at their own pace. They are taking responsibility for their education.

Technology is much more a part of the learning experience than in years past. We must ensure that our students are well-equipped to appropriately obtain, evaluate, and apply information as they approach any particular subject.

There’s a lot of computer assisted programming for courses. Our education system includes simulation laboratories that allow students to work at their own pace and be corrected by a series of calibrated programs. This enables a student to work within certain expected parameters until he or she succeeds. The programming allows students to perform a procedure repeatedly until they achieve a level of competency.

What can you tell us about the upcoming move to the Cleveland Clinic campus?

KC: I think it’s a tremendous opportunity for four schools to be under one roof, working together, learning from and respecting one another. The ability to have the patient centered in the discussions, and the ability to reduce cost and redundancies and to encourage collaborative efforts, are all positives that make this move compelling. With the health science education campus, we can do just that. We can do it in a special way where our students will learn in an inter-professional education model, which will be new and innovative.

Of course, it requires the alignment of two cultures, and there’s going to be some give and take. But the themes and goals are strong, the leadership is committed, and the benefits of this collaboration are clear. I think when we look back years from now, we will be proud of having made this move.

As the first African-American dean of the school, do you see yourself serving as an inspiration to minority students?

KC: I’m finding out that I’m an inspiration to not only minority students, but all students. The significance of my being in this position, I think, is that anyone who would apply for any position will be treated fairly and thought of the same as anyone else applying to the position, regardless of race, gender, or any other factor.

What is it like to follow in the footsteps of Jerry Goldberg, who is regarded as an iconic dean?

KC: It’s a privilege. Jerry and I have known each other for nearly 40 years. We both share a strong passion for dental education. I was offered the deanship at the Meharry Medical College School of Dentistry in 1997, which was the year Jerry became dean at CWRU. A few years later, the opportunity arose for me to become a member of the board of trustees, and that fit very well with my relationship with Jerry.

As a member of the board I worked closely with Jerry for nine years, and I think that time was really instrumental in moving the school forward in ways of which we are both very proud. When I became vice chairman of the university’s Academic Affairs and Student Life Committee in 2006, our committee and other committees tried to open up avenues and break down silos so that opportunities and collaborative efforts of the university could be optimized.

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Francis Curd ’77, Kenneth Chance ’79, André Mickel ’91, ’94 and Jefferson Jones at a dinner honoring Kenneth Chance as the 2004 Distinguished Alumnus of the Year.
Jerry Goldberg: The Sky’s the Limit with Kenneth Chance

Jerold S. Goldberg, D.D.S. ’70, who served as dean of the School of Dental Medicine for the past 17 years, had this to say as he turned the reins over to his successor, Kenneth Chance, D.D.S. ’79:

“A commitment to continuous improvement is one of the hallmarks of the School of Dental Medicine. Another is innovation. We’ve always had the courage to try new things and the discipline to monitor those things and make adjustments when necessary.

“Those hallmarks, combined with the hard work of faculty, staff, and students, have brought the School of Dental Medicine to a very high platform from which someone can take us to a ‘sky’s the limit’ position in the academic world of dentistry. I’ve known Ken for a long time. He has the knowledge and experience in dental education, as well as the passion and the temperament, to take us to that next level. I think he’ll be an outstanding leader for the school. There is a lot of very good work ahead of us.”

During Jerry’s 17 years as dean he provided transformative leadership, and part of the reason I put my hat in the ring to succeed him was that I wanted to ensure that the momentum of the school would remain high or even accelerate, and that the transition would be as seamless as possible.

Those were among my motivations to switch positions and attempt to continue the momentum of the School of Dental Medicine. I thought this was a very important point in time, a pivotal point for both the university and the dental school. I wanted to help successfully steer the school into the projected new building, through accreditation, through a strategic plan that is vertically aligned with the university, and to produce an inter-professional educational and practice program that would be unlike anything seen in this country.

**What are some of the challenges that the school faces?**

**KC:** Most of the challenges we face are fiscal. I think it’s important for us to encourage our alumni and friends to participate in our success. In admissions, we need to ensure that we get the best and brightest students and train them with the best faculty in the country. That means not only maintaining the best faculty and staff possible, but keeping them here by ensuring that they feel appreciated and respected.

**Any concluding thoughts?**

**KC:** It’s a wonderful feeling to be back and to see the next generation becoming engaged with the school in such significant ways. The young people are really an encouragement to me. I know that the future is in good hands and that our university as well as our dental school will be placed in a prominent role in the international scene.

We have an enormous amount of talent here at the school, and it’s important to try to unleash that talent. I think I’m pretty good at that, because I encourage people to reach and to go beyond what they think they might be and strive for what they can be.
The School of Dental Medicine enjoyed an outstanding 34th Professionals Day on March 5th. The presentations were exceptional. **Anusuya Bharadwaj**, Class of 2016, won the Dentsply International Award of an all-expenses paid trip to the national meeting of the American Dental Association to be held in San Antonio, Texas. She will present her research during the annual meeting.

**WINNERS WERE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. **First Honors**
   **First Poster Award: SCADA Award for Table Clinic Presentations**
   **Anusuya Bharadwaj**, Class of 2016
   “Assessing the Types and Accuracy of Dental Care Referrals by Primary Care Physicians.”
   Mentor: Dr. Sena Nerandren, Department of Community Dentistry

2. **First Podium Award: Guenther M. Hans Award for Presentations form Platform**
   **Evelyn Qi**, Class of 2016
   “Dental Hygienists and Patient Dietary Discussions”
   Mentor: Dr. Catherine Demko, Community Dentistry

3. **Second Honors**
   **Basic, Clinical, or Community Science Presentation Award:**
   **Navid Akbarzadeh**, Class of 2015
   “Endodontists’ Attitude Towards Placing Dental Implants”
   Mentors: Dr. Andre Michel, Endodontics and Dr. Catherine Demko, Community Dentistry

4. **Second Award:**
   **OKU**
   **Sarah Garriott**, Class of 2016
   “Anxious Patients in the Dental Office”
   Mentor: Dr. Kristin Williams, Community Dentistry

5. **Dr. Nabil Bissada Graduate Student Award**
   **Best table clinic or poster presentation by a graduate student**
   – First Award:
     **Sarah Kwang**, Endodontics Class of 2014
     “The Critical Time-Lapse Between Various Restoration Placements and Subsequent Endodontic Intervention.”
   – Second Award:
     **Braden Atkins**, Periodontics, Class of 2014
     “Does Risk Assessment Predict Periodontal Disease Progression?”

6. **Vibeke K. Nygaard Award**
   – **Zachary Christoff**
   – **James Cox**

The keynote speaker was our own preceptor faculty member **Dr. Jim Schneider** of the Department of Comprehensive Care, who also is a forensic odontologist and works in the offices of the Cuyahoga County Coroner. The title of his presentation was: “The Life and Times of a Forensic Odontologist.”

We hope the demonstrated involvement of our undergraduate and graduate students — along with their faculty mentors — encourages others to become more involved in their profession through scholarly contributions in basic science, clinical science, and community-based research efforts.
STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Health Legacy Scholarship Helps Nurture Homegrown Talent

Shaker Heights native Allyson McClendon loves the idea of using dentistry to improve the health of her patients and the community as a whole. Now a second-year dental student, she is enjoying the benefits available to her as the recipient of a Health Legacy Scholarship.

Second-year School of Dental Medicine student Allyson McClendon is a fan of the simple things in life: gardening, baking, reading a good book. She is also a believer in the importance of family, and that drives her in her desire to become an outstanding general dentist.

“My entire family has been going to the same dentist for many years, and I feel that a family dental practice is a good setting through which you can improve the health of your patients,” McClendon says. “You can work with the family as a unit to improve their health. That’s attractive to me. I also think I’ll enjoy the personal interactions I’ll be able to have with patients as I get to know them and their families on a deeper level through years of interaction.”

McClendon graduated from Shaker Heights High School in 2009. She knew even in high school that she wanted to pursue a career in health care, and opportunities to shadow local dentists Lucia Johnson, D.M.D. ’04, and Jeffrey Dworkin, D.M.D. ’84, pointed her in the direction of dentistry.

“Observing their interactions with patients and their work managing their practices really elucidated my passion for dentistry,” McClendon says. “It showed me that dentistry offers nearly everything that I want in a career, such as long-term, sincere relationships with patients, a focus on preventive care and public health, the ability to help manage and treat disease, express my creativity, work with my hands, and run my own business.”

McClendon is keenly aware of the importance of providing affordable services that focus on the prevention of suffering through positive lifestyle changes.

“I want to do my personal best to provide dental care to underserved populations to help reduce health disparities. Good oral health deeply impacts peoples’ daily lives through their outward appearance, their speech, and their overall health status. A dentist can transform a patient’s smile in only a few visits, and perhaps more importantly, prevent future suffering.”

McClendon attended Washington University, where she earned a degree in anthropology with a minor in Spanish. The opportunity to attend dental school at CWRU, coupled with her desire to be closer to her family, brought her back to Cleveland.

“Being away was nice, and I feel like I grew a lot on my own, but my family is an important focus in my life,” McClendon says. “Also, I felt that CWRU was a good fit for me because it has such a strong focus on public health and community outreach. The Healthy Smiles sealant program, the Give Kids a Smile Day, Prophy Day, and other things we do in the community are very important to me.”

McClendon is grateful for the assistance that she is receiving through the Health Legacy Scholarship, which is available to students from the Cleveland area.

“It has been very helpful to have the extra money, because dental school is very expensive,” McClendon says. “But in addition to the money the scholarship also provides extra support, such as providing me with access to people who can help me prepare for the boards, or — a program I’m participating in now — mentoring a student at Shaker Heights High School who is interested in dentistry. The scholarship provides me with resources to help me advance, and also the opportunity to reach out to the community. It has been really great.”

One can only imagine that the firmly grounded McClendon, with her appreciation of the simple things in life, must be a fine mentor to a high school student. She also is a great example of the type of outstanding student that scholarships such as the Health Legacy Scholarship can bring to the school.

Allyson McClendon is a recipient of a Health Legacy Scholarship, one of the crucial sources of support to the school. Gifts like these and bequests allow us to continue to attract the best and brightest students and educate them for careers in dentistry. If you would like to do your part to support future professionals, please contact the development and alumni relations office at (216) 368-3480, toll free at (877) 468-1436, or email dentalalumni@case.edu.
Summer education program helps pave pre-dental students’ path to success

The Summer Medical and Dental Education Program (SMDEP) once again brought its unique blend of academic enrichment and participation in public health projects to the CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

The six-week course offers freshman and sophomore pre-medical and pre-dental college students intensive and personalized hands-on learning opportunities. For the pre-dental students, this includes experience in the dental simulation lab, and at least one operating room shadowing — either in the Tapper Clinic at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital or with surgeons from the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. The students also attend a dental anatomy course (generally regarded as the toughest course for dental school freshmen), and spend time with the School of Dental Medicine’s residents.

CWRU is one of 12 schools in the country to host the SMDEP, which grew out of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation’s Minority Medical Education Program. This year the CWRU contingent included 22 pre-dental students and 60 pre-med students.

The SMDEP is designed to strengthen students’ undergraduate programs to help them gain admission to medical or dental school. There are a number of academic requirements, such as additional science and chemistry classes, and the School of Dental Medicine offers several academic tracks to allow the students to choose what they participate in based on their goals.

Financial responsibility and funding options and opportunities that are available to help students afford dental school are also covered as part of the SMDEP.

As is typical of the excellence of all of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine’s education programs, the school takes the SMDEP a step or two beyond the requirements. For example, participation in a public health project is not one of the elements required by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. However, such projects are a part of the CWRU version of the program because they enhance the learning experience for the students and build on the school’s long commitment to community outreach.

Kristin Williams, D.D.S. ’89, M.P.H. ’05, assistant professor in the Department of Community Dentistry, who coordinates the SMDEP program at the School of Dental Medicine, explains that all of the projects are created and carried out by the students with the assistance of local public health advisors. The public health advisors work with the students to ensure that the project is feasible and accomplishes what the students are setting out to accomplish.

For example, one of the pre-dental projects this year involves creating an after-school educational program in conjunction with the Girls and Boys Clubs and YMCA of an inner-ring Cleveland suburb. The program focuses on proper nutrition and its relationship to good dental health.
“The public health projects get the students thinking about providing services outside of their practices,” Dr. Williams says. “It helps students realize that as a single practitioner you’re helping your patients and your community, but if you link resources with others you can take on important projects locally or even globally.”

She adds that in some cases students have returned home after the SMDEP and implemented public health projects in their own communities based on the projects they undertook when attending the program.

Another “above and beyond” component of the SMDEP at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine is a book club.

“These students are pursing a profession in which they will be reading a great deal, and we want them to see that in addition to the professional reading they’ll need to do, they can also read for pleasure,” Dr. Williams says.

As an example of the type of book the students read, both My Sister’s Keeper by Jodi Picoult and The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot have been selections.

Dr. Williams explains, “We try to choose books that examine health ethics issues, and use them to open a dialogue about our responsibilities as doctors and researchers.”

A final aspect of the SMDEP that can’t be overlooked is the satisfaction that it provides to the instructors who participate in it.

“We have a number of faculty members who come in from the medical school and dental school to serve as preceptors, and they don’t get any compensation for doing so,” Dr. Williams says. “They do it simply because they think it’s a great program and are willing to give their time to it. Every year I have instructors asking me when the program is going to start. I think they enjoy it as much as the students do.”

Recently, members of Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine Chapter of the Student National Dental Association (SNDA) had the privilege of participating in a medical and dental mission trip to Jamaica. Jamaica is well known for its beauty and tropical scenery, with tourism contributing to much of the country’s economy. However, high unemployment rates create a wealth disparity that poses several health issues for the country. With the average employed person making only $25 a day, medical and dental preventive care is often not a priority, and access to dental and medical treatment remains a prominent problematic issue. Many Jamaicans living on little to no income seek medical attention only when a health issue has reached advanced stages, adding to the strain of limited resources allocated to the already weak health infrastructure in Jamaica.

As inexperienced students, we joined ourselves to a strong team comprised of physicians, dentists, nurses, and pharmacists, totaling 39 health care professionals. We visited three medical sites in the rural southern part of the country. We embarked with the goal of providing as much medical attention as possible to hundreds of Jamaican people, many of whom traveled very far to seek care.

Our trip was only seven days, but much was accomplished as we had an extremely rigorous week. As a team, we saw approximately 1,100 adults and 200 children, and donated and distributed 1,700 prescriptions. The dental team talked to approximately 900 individual patients regarding their oral hygiene and oral care, and we treated approximately 800 patients. Needless to say, it was both exhilarating and exhausting!

As the team reflected on its intense seven-day dental mission, one underlying theme typically resonated with all who attended: it was fulfilling.

“We would like to take the opportunity to thank Zion Cares as well as all those who contributed to make this trip a reality and encouraged us to gain this invaluable experience: Mr. Aftoora, Mr. Smolik, Mr. Williams, Drs. Aminoshariae, Bissada, Chuck, Dubaniewicz, Love, Mickel, Palomo, Vernon and Zabell.

— Funmi Abosede D3
open students’ eyes, hearts

Here are comments from other students who participated:

“The opportunity to represent the CWRU School of Dental Medicine Chapter of the SNDA to provide dental care for the underserved communities in Ocho Rios, Jamaica, was more than I ever expected. Despite the unconventional dental settings, the dental team worked without any hesitation because we knew the patients depended on us. Aside from alleviating pain, educating patients about the importance of oral hygiene was our goal. We hope we established the underlying foundation of dental care and left an impact on the Jamaican people as much as they did on us.”

— Van Nguyen D3

“On day two of the mission, my first patient, Ken, a farmer in his mid-40s, had several residual root tips that we successfully removed. Toward the end of the procedure, he became very sensitive with pain because of the duration of the procedure. After we were done, I was concerned for his pain. To my great surprise, Ken came back later on in the afternoon smiling and was full of appreciation for what we did. I realized through Ken that the service we provide has a significant impact in our patients’ lives, although it is sometimes easy to forget the kind of impact we can have.”

— Bambi Mbiye D3

“The opportunity to provide care for underserved communities (and sometimes mixing this with a little travel) was an aspect of dentistry that attracted me towards the career. Working conditions — hot, crowded, poorly lit — varied little from site to site and we often chose to see more patients instead of stopping for lunch. Available equipment barely surpassed the minimal amount needed, but our group always got the job done. Our trip to Jamaica was much more work than play, but I think that is exactly what we wanted to get out of it. When you see the patients’ need for care, it becomes easy to forget about your own needs. Countless words of appreciation and (slightly less) toothy smiles, gifted mangoes, and drinking from freshly cut coconuts at the end of a long day made this experience all the more rewarding.”

— James Cox D3
Newlyweds from dental and medical school make CWRU their home

After some intensive planning, newlyweds Jacqueline and James Buschbach landed on the same campus to start medical and dental school together.

Jacqueline is one of 74 first-year dental students and James is a first-year medical school student just a few buildings away.

The recent University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign graduates were married in June. With teamwork to muster the right plan to get into the schools of their choice, Cleveland is now home for the next four years until graduation.

To be newly married and move to a new city to pursue different medical professions on the same campus is fairly uncommon. But others have taken unusual routes to become part of the dental school’s Class of 2018 as well.

- Noriel Garcia, 30, moved from Cuba to the United States three years ago. In Cuba, Garcia worked as a research associate on the epidemiology of HIV.
- Natasha Lai, 33, was born in Russia and worked as a certified nursing assistant in Chicago before pursuing dental medicine. She’s not the only nurse: Tyler Zagorec, 25, with his BSN degree, worked in a medical intensive care unit.
- Britni Skoda, 29, with a degree in commerce and marketing from DePaul University, was a former regional manager for 3M.

“We are extremely proud of our diverse entering student class, rich in unique experiences and notable accomplishments,” said Dean Kenneth Chance, D.D.S. ’79.

Summer of Service in the Dominican Republic

Sixteen students ventured to the Dominican Republic on a mission trip from July 26th through August 3rd to offer free dental care to over 300 patients — children and adults. During their week of work, they performed various procedures such as extractions, alveoplasty and dental fillings. Working through the organization Bright Island Outreach with the help of a team of local dentists headed by Dr. Diaz, the students were able to visit, meet, and provide free dental care to patients about 20 minutes outside the rural town of Monte Plata. The village had no electricity, and only their single generator provided the power to run the two units capable of drilling. While most of the mornings and afternoons were spent working on patients, the fun continued afterwards playing with the children, eating delicious local food and sightseeing around the area. The people of the country were very generous and grateful for the work, giving away more fruit than could be eaten. After the week of work, the students traveled across the country to Punta Cana, where they enjoyed a short but enjoyable day and a half vacation. The students are planning another mission trip slated for March 2015.
Senior Awards Dinner for the Class of 2014

On Saturday evening, May 3, 2014, the Class of 2014 was honored during the Senior Awards Dinner at the DoubleTree by Hilton in downtown Cleveland. Students were recognized for their academic accomplishments and other achievements. Congratulations!
On Sunday, May 18th the School of Dental Medicine granted 68 Doctor of Dental Medicine (DMD) degrees. The day was filled with smiles and sunshine as we held our commencement exercises in a new location this year: The Cleveland Art Museum. Internationally renowned for its substantial holdings of Asian and Egyptian art, the museum houses a diverse permanent collection of more than 43,000 works of art from around the world.

Faculty, staff, alumni, family, and friends were on hand to congratulate the graduates and welcome them into the dental profession. Keynote speaker Richard W. Valachovic, D.M.D., M.P.H, ADEA president and CEO, inspired the graduates. Tears flowed as family members presented degrees to our graduates during the ceremony.
CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2014:

Hussameldin Ahmed
Sara Ahern
Noor Almudallal
Nicole Apollon Chirouze
Robert Appel
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Ante Zovko

1) Isha Moza (in pink) and family
2) Lena DeBaz (with cap) with family
3) Jeffrey Berlin, Alan Baughman, Brady Burton, Bryan Erce, Noor Almudallal, Peter Khaouli
4) Prashansa Sharma, Cheryl Silas (Student Services Department), Olysia Takla, Hussameldin Ahmed
5) Ying-Hsien Huang, Minh Dinh, Roshan Jacob, Alan Tang, Boonyapa Purt, Isabel Del Carpio
EFDA Graduation

The date was Wednesday, May 14th when 22 individuals graduated from our Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) program. Heather Funk (EFDA ‘11) was the guest speaker. She shared how the EFDA Program helped prepare her for her recent graduation from Lakeland Community College Dental Hygiene Program (2014). Heather is currently working in private practice as an EFDA / RDH.

Dr. Ron Occhionero, D.D.S. ’61 was presented with a plaque to commemorate his founding of the EFDA program and his support of the program for many years.

Congratulations:

Marianne Ashman
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Heather Buskirk
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Elizabeth Cathcart
Tacara Crooks
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Galina Snyder
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Brittany Warner
LaTea Wheeler
Stephanie Zwick

1) Beth Iskra and fiancee
2) Xavier Matias
3) Cake in honor of the graduates
4) Sarah Suttles and daughter
5) Beth Cathcart and parents
6) EFDA class of 2014
7) Amie Parker and daughter
On August 8th, hundreds of family members and friends gathered at Amasa Stone Chapel on the CWRU campus as the School of Dental Medicine welcomed a new class of future dentists.

The traditional donning of the official Case Western Reserve School of Dental Medicine white coat and recitation of the Hippocratic Oath marked the official entrance into the dental school for the new students. The ceremony came at the end of an informative and fun orientation week.

The keynote speaker was the School of Dental Medicine’s new dean, Kenneth Chance, D.D.S. ’79, who encouraged the students to “Wear the white coat with pride, for with it comes a great responsibility to our profession, commitment to this school, and to the oral health of your patients.”

Other speakers included Alumni Association President Leonard Weiss D.D.S. ’63; E. Karl Schneider D.D.S. ’71, representing the Pierre Fauchard Academy; and Christopher Connell D.D.S., representing the International College of Dentists.

This year’s class includes 74 students (39 men, 35 women), 40 of whom have relatives in the dental profession and 13 of whom have a family member who graduated from CWRU School of Dental Medicine.

The incoming class represents 41 states and 3 continents. There are 14 students from Ohio. Eight students have a master’s degree. The average age is 24.9 years. The overall GPA is 3.66 with the science GPA being 3.57. The students’ academic average for the DAT is 19.63, with the perceptual ability average being 20.08.

Many of these excellent students are here thanks to generous friends whose scholarship gifts help ease the burden of student debt. From scholarships to alumni mentoring, we are so grateful for the support our students receive from individuals like you.
Legacy Students

We acknowledge the talented students who selected CWRU, the alma mater of parents or other family members, in a tradition that strengthens our institution by linking generations and providing a continuity of achievement. Here are family relations the Class of 2018 shared with us.
Dr. Occhionero Celebrates 50 Years

AT THE SCHOOL OF DENTAL MEDICINE

His colleagues may have thought of him as an anarchist, but the preceptor program that he created has withstand the test of time

The year was 1964. A gallon of gas cost a quarter, for five cents your could mail a first-class letter, and a Rolls Royce Silver Cloud sedan could be had for the price of a compact car today: $16,655. At the movies, James Bond foiled Goldfinger’s nefarious plan to irradiate the gold supply of the United States. On the Admiral 19-inch at home, television viewers enjoyed The Jack Parr Show, Bewitched, and The Addams Family. Martin Luther King Jr. was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, and the Beatles ruled the airwaves with 13 singles on the Billboard Hot 100.

And, in Cleveland, Ohio — then the eighth largest city in the country — Ronald Occhionero, D.D.S., ’61, returned to his alma mater at the Western Reserve University School of Dentistry (as it was known then) and began a remarkable 50-year teaching career. Today, he still serves the school as associate dean for administration.

Born and raised in Cleveland, Ronald Occhionero attended Cathedral Latin High School, and then graduated from John Carroll University in 1957 with a bachelor’s degree in natural science. He was accepted into the CWRU School of Dentistry and, after earning his D.D.S. in 1961, signed up to serve in the U.S. Public Health Service. Stints in Mobile, AL, and Pittsburgh, PA, followed, then Dr. Occhionero had a chance to bring his wife and children home to Cleveland.

“Before I left dental school, the chairman of the Department of Operative Dentistry, John Porter Howard Clark (D.D.S. ’45), told me, ‘If you ever come back to Cleveland, I’d like to have you in my department,’” Dr. Occhionero relates. “So I took him up on that offer and started here in 1964, as a full-time clinical instructor in operative dentistry.”

Dr. Occhionero quickly became convinced that the method used to teach clinical dentistry was in need of radical improvement. He saw dentistry being taught in “silos,” and proposed an alternative concept that would become his lasting legacy: the preceptor model.

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“The old ‘silos’ model entailed going through every department to treat a patient,” Dr. Occhionero says. “You’d start with oral diagnosis, and then to oral surgery, and then to periodontics, then to operative, and then to crown and bridge. It took an interminably long time before the patient even had anything done. In the preceptor model, dental students are taught by dentists who are in private practice. These preceptors guide their charges in the complete treatment of patients. I remember the day that I proposed the preceptor teaching model to the dean — at that time it was Dr. Paul E. Boyle — and he said he would consider it but it would have to pass muster through all the department chairs.”

Dr. Occhionero says that although some of his colleagues considered him an “anarchist,” the preceptor program was given the go-ahead and in 1966 a group of 13 fourth-year students was randomly selected to participate. “I jokingly refer to them as my 13 disciples,” he says.
The original 13 students graduated in 1967, and early in 1968 the recommendation was made that all fourth-year students participate in the preceptor program. This led to the birth of the School of Dentistry’s Department of Comprehensive Care and garnered interest from dental schools around the country, a number of which replicated the program. In 1989 the program was further expanded to include all third-year students.

“In 2017 we’ll celebrate the 50th anniversary of that first graduating class,” Dr. Occhionero notes. “I’m very proud that the preceptor program has withstood the test of time.”

Throughout the years, Dr. Occhionero has been involved in lobbying efforts to preserve state funding at the school, helped improve the care delivery system by expanding the duties of dental assistants through the creation of the Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary (EFDA) program, served as president of the Ohio Dental Association, cared for patients at his private practice in Richmond Hts., and mentored thousands of students. He and his wife of 56 years, Carole, have four children and eight grandchildren, all of whom reside in Cleveland.

“You’ve got to enjoy what you do, and being here at the university has given me opportunities that I never could have imagined,” he says.

As his first 50 years at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine wind down, Dr. Occhionero looks to the future with optimism.

“I really appreciate today’s focus on problem-based learning,” he says. “It puts learning right where it should be: on the students’ shoulders. Clinically, we’ve been doing problem-based learning since the beginning of dentistry. We’re presented with patients who have dental conditions — and many times a combination of dental and medical conditions — and we need to develop a thorough diagnosis and treatment protocol. So I think it’s great that this concept has become more inculcated within the didactic and clinical programs."

Dr. Occhionero still loves what he does and is enthusiastic about the school’s direction. It will be interesting to see what revolution the anarchist starts next.

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– Dr. Ron Occhionero
Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences Welcomes Ali Syed

Ali Zakir Syed has joined the Department of Oral and Maxillofacial Medicine and Diagnostic Sciences as an assistant professor.

Dr. Syed earned his dental degree from A.E.C.S Maaruthi Dental College and Research Centre, Bangalore University, India, and a master’s in health administration from Saint Joseph’s University, Philadelphia, PA. He also completed an advanced fellowship in oral and maxillofacial radiology from Rutgers School of Dental Medicine, Newark, NJ, and completed advanced training in oral and maxillofacial radiology from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC.

He is currently the course director for pre- and post-doctoral radiology courses. His research interests include advanced imaging topics, especially cone beam computed tomography (CBCT).

Anita Aminoshariae Selected for ADA’s Council on Scientific Affairs

Anita Aminoshariae, D.D.S. ’99, M.S., director, predoctoral endodontics and a diplomate of the American Board of Endodontics, has been selected to be a member of the American Dental Association's Council on Scientific Affairs. It is expected that her selection will be validated by the ADA’s House of Delegates in October. “I am very excited and honored beyond measure,” Dr. Aminoshariae said.

ART IS NOT JUST PAINT

With eyes on his subject, Lance Vernon, D.M.D., M.P.H., a senior instructor, picks up the black Sharpie and starts drawing lines of the human face. When the bold outline in the contour drawing is done, he hands the work over to Anna Arnold, a 2010 alumna from the university’s Master’s Program in Art Education. Over the next two hours, about the time it takes to complete their collaborative painting, the blank paper fills with colors in oil pastel crayons as the paper passes back and forth between the artists’ hands.

“The initial contour drawing comes out very primitive and Picasso-looking,” said Vernon, who compared the overall collaborative process to creating a story or jazz music.

Arnold and Vernon, who has an undergraduate degree in creative writing from St. Lawrence University and was just a credit shy of earning a second degree in fine art, have created more than 200 works together. Their artwork was published three continuous years in Academy Graphic Communication’s calendar “52 Weeks 52 Works” that features the talent of Cleveland area artists.

The artists will have work exhibited on opening night of Stephen Hood’s and Susan Hughes’ play, “Men Don’t Cry,” on Friday, Oct. 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Garden Valley Neighborhood House, 7100 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland. (The play will also be presented that following Saturday at 7:30 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m.)

Staff Participate in Fox Trot

On Sunday, August 24th, seven School of Dental Medicine staff members donned their School of Dental Medicine visors and participated in the Second Annual Fox 8 Fox Trot 5K and 1 Mile Walk at Voinovich Park in Cleveland. More than 6,500 people participated in the event in total, raising thousands of dollars to benefit the Wounded Warrior Project. The Wounded Warrior Project raises awareness and collects aid for severely injured service members.
Gratitude Leads to *Generosity*

For Lisa Alvetro, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’93, giving back to the school comes naturally after all it gave her.

Lisa Alvetro, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’93, knows when to step back and when to step up. When it comes to running her busy solo orthodontics practice, Dr. Alvetro steps back and leaves the operations side to the skilled management people she has hired.

However, when it comes to donating her time and skills to help the less fortunate, she steps up in a big way. She also is pleased to step up and make contributions to the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine, to thank those who made her success possible and to help others along that road.

“I think orthodontics is the best profession in the world,” Dr. Alvetro says. “I had no idea of the opportunities it was going to provide for me. But if I hadn’t attended CWRU, if I didn’t have the education base that I received from there, I don’t know if I would have these same opportunities. So I feel an indebtedness. You can’t just take your education and leave, you have to give back.”

Dr. Alvetro grew up in Cortland, Ohio. She laughs when she says she knew she wanted to be a dentist from the time she was in seventh grade.

“We had to do a project where we interviewed a professional,” she says. “The only professional I knew was my friend’s father, who was a dentist. That sparked my interest in dentistry.”

After earning her undergraduate degree in biology from Youngstown State University, Dr. Alvetro earned her D.D.S. with highest honors from The Ohio State University, then completed her orthodontics residency at CWRU.

Today Dr. Alvetro is president of Alvetro Orthodontics, which has offices in Sidney and Tipp City, Ohio. She also serves as an associate clinical professor at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. She and her husband, Tom Rossman, reside in Sidney with their three children, Kathryn, Michael, and David.

Dr. Alvetro’s role as an associate professor at CWRU is an important one in that she imparts wisdom regarding something that many aspiring dentists tend to overlook: practice management.

“I have a large solo practice and some of the business management techniques that we use are different from what people typically associate with orthodontics or dentistry,” she says. “We use a collaborative approach and we treat the business part of the practice very seriously. "We have strategic planning meetings and create goals. Then we involve everyone in action planning to meet those goals. That leads to collective agreement on how to proceed and improves the practice in ways that benefit everyone."

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According to Dr. Alvetro, the key to being successful with this type of management style is creating the best workplace possible. That means hiring people who see what they’re doing as a profession, not a job; providing pay and benefits (including continuing education and tuition reimbursement) at a level that encourages outstanding people to want to stay with your practice; and ensuring that people have opportunities to develop their skills and advance their careers.

In serving the School of Dental Medicine as an associate professor, Dr. Alvetro is carrying on an aspect of the CWRU School of Dental Medicine that she found exceptionally helpful when she attended the school: the presence of part-time staff who provide practical, real-world advice.
“One of the strengths of our program is the number of faculty members here who have practical knowledge,” Dr. Alvetro says. “At some universities the majority of the faculty members are full-time, and have never practiced outside the university setting. It’s different at CWRU because there are so many instructors who provide a real-world perspective.”

In addition to her associate professor role at CWRU, Dr. Alvetro is an advocate for 3M Unitek Corporation, manufacturers of orthodontic appliances. She lectures extensively for the company on Class II correction — 25 to 30 times per year — both in the United States and abroad. She also hosts lectures at her practice’s Sidney office several times each year.

“We have orthodontists visit from all over the world, and Sidney is a pretty rural community — there are about 22,000 people in the town and 60,000 in the county,” she says. “The last group of doctors were all from Asian countries, and I can’t imagine the culture shock when they get on a plane in Shanghai or Taipei and end up in Sidney, Ohio.”

Dr. Alvetro, on the other hand, loves the diversity that her teaching and her practice provide. “I have the clinical practice, I have the affiliation with CWRU, and then I also have the opportunity to meet orthodontists from all over the world,” she says. “I’m very fortunate.”

Combining her love of orthodontics with her passion for community service, in 2006 Dr. Alvetro participated in the founding of an organization called Smiles of Hope, and through it she has spearheaded the funding and construction of Angel House Orphanage in Tanzania, Africa. Today, she coordinates regular trips to Tanzania to provide dental care — and more.

“We’ve provided dental care, funded construction of an orphanage, a school, and two wells, and brought solar power to a village in Tanzania,” she says. “The orphanage has about 60 children and the school has about 240 students, and we’re really working to develop the area for the kids.”

Since its founding in 2006, Smiles For Hope has undertaken five dental mission trips. Dr. Alvetro says the trick is to bring everything you could possibly need to perform dental procedures from beginning to end. On the last trip, that meant transporting 50 crates. The services are mainly cleaning and extractions, but they also have the capability and the equipment to perform restorative work.

Looking back on her residency at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, Dr. Alvetro recalls several mentors — most notably Sandy Neuger, D.D.S. ’53 (“he taught us some of the very basics and was always kind and approachable”), Gary Wolf, D.D.S. ’79, M.S.D., (“he taught a very systematic approach and showed us the importance of setting high standards for yourself”) and Norman DeLoach Jr., D.D.S., who, years ago, put her in touch with a friend of his who was selling a practice in the small town of Sidney, Ohio.

She also credits program chairman Mark Hans D.D.S., M.S.D., ’79, ’81, for keeping the program practical. “Dentistry doesn’t always work in the world the way it does in a lab. The practical nature to the CWRU program serves residents very well,” Dr. Alvetro says.

Ultimately, Dr. Alvetro remains grateful for her experiences at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, and is as practical in her approach to life as the orthodontics department was in its approach to teaching.

“Of course we’ve had challenges in our practice over the years,” she says. “We’ve built buildings and we’ve renovated and we’ve had a fire and a flood and I’ve been embezzled from. You name it, I’ve been through it. But I wouldn’t change any of those experiences because if those things hadn’t happened to me I wouldn’t be who I am now.

“I feel very fortunate when I compare CWRU to other programs,” she concludes. “I think CWRU produces good orthodontists who are really good people, too. I meet many CWRU graduates when I lecture, and so many times they’re considered leaders in their organizations or even their countries. It’s a great program. That’s why I think everyone should give back. Sometimes as we get busy, or get further away from school, we think, ‘I did it all myself.’ Well, we didn’t. There were a lot of people who helped us. So we should be gracious and generous.”

Lisa Alvetro, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’93, has greatly impacted the School of Dental Medicine through three funds:

• The Lisa A. Alvetro D.D.S., M.S.D. Endowment Fund for Orthodontics
• The Dental School Building Fund
• The Dr. Mark and Susan Hans Endowment Fund

For more information on these funds, or for information on other ways to contribute to the school, please contact the Department of Development and Alumni Relations, at 216.368.3480, toll free at 877.468.1436, or email dentalalumni@case.edu.
Donor Recognition

We recognize and honor our donors’ generosity in a variety of ways, but the highlight of the year is the Donor Recognition Event. On June 20, 2014 more than 150 donors, alumni, faculty and students attended the Donor Recognition Dinner held at the Great Lakes Science Center in Cleveland, OH. The reception was held in the NASA Glenn Visitor Center so guests could play on the GLSC’s signature science exhibits while enjoying cocktails. Dinner was held on the Promenade.

All donors were celebrated but the following received special recognition for their leadership gifts.

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11) William ’76 and Sue Paulus with Jerold Goldberg ’70
12) Sanjeev ’91 and Renu Goel
13) Dinner on the Promenade at the Great Lakes Science Center
Greetings fellow alums:

This year we are welcoming a new dean who will continue the tradition of excellence that makes the Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine the envy of dental schools across the country.

Before we welcome the new dean, however, we would be remiss not to look back on the 17-year deanship of Jerry Goldberg ’70, and admire how he has brought us to this position. His leadership was undeniably outstanding, and to me, he is “number one” on the long list of School of Dental Medicine deans (there have been nine at the school in my dental lifetime). Fortunately for the university, Jerry is going to stick around and help with planning and fundraising at the school.

As Jerry steps down we are indeed fortunate to once again have one of our own alumni, Kenneth Chance, D.D.S. ’79, to step into the role of dean. I recently had the privilege of introducing Ken at a meeting, and the talk he delivered was both eloquent and exciting. You could sense, in his delivery, his enthusiasm in taking the helm of his alma mater. And, in his address he said he would like all the help that we, the alumni, can provide him in leading the school.

Our New Dental School
With a new dean, we are entering into a new era. The future is bright, highlighted by our upcoming move — along with the School of Nursing and the School of Medicine — to a brand-new, state-of-the-art School of Dental Medicine on the Cleveland Clinic campus. Right now the details of the move are being worked out, but the excitement is building among faculty, staff, and students. For more on this, see the Message From The Dean on page 1 of this issue.

We Are Dealt an “Ace” as Our 2014 Distinguished Alumnus
Congratulations to Albert “Ace” C. Goerig, D.D.S., ’71, who has been selected by the Alumni Association Board of Directors as the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus. Dr. Goerig is a nationally known educator and authority on endodontics. He is a co-founder of Endodontic Practice Mastery, which coaches endodontists on improving clinical techniques and understanding the systems of dentistry. Since the organization’s founding in 1996, he has personally coached nearly one-fifth of all endodontists and their teams in the United States and Canada. He served in the Army Dental Corps for 20 years and retired as a colonel in 1991.

Homecoming: October 16-19, 2014
Please plan to attend our Homecoming. It is for all alumni. For those celebrating reunion years, your class dinners are on Saturday evening. It’s a great opportunity to catch up with your classmates and see all the exciting things that are happening at the school. The list of homecoming events is extensive, and includes a reception and dance party in the Gold Ballroom of the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel on Friday, October 17. Visit http://dental.case.edu/alumni/homecoming/ for more information, and contact Sara Fields at sara.fields@case.edu or (216) 368-3924 for any assistance you might need.

Enjoy the Excitement of This Era
These are exciting times for the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. We have a new dean, will soon have a new building, and the relationship between the school and senior administration of our university has never been stronger. And, of course, we have the finest alumni in the land.

I’d like to encourage all alumni to get involved with the Alumni Association, and I’d love to hear from you.

Lenny Weiss, D.D.S. ’63
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MESSAGE from the alumni association president

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Murray Berkowitz, D.D.S. ’75, Mayfield Heights, OH
Elizabeth A. Clemente, D.D.S. ’81, Skillman, NJ
Matthew J. Clemente, D.D.S. ’83, Troy, NY
Francis M. Curd, D.M.D., ’77, Bradenton, FL
Fady F. Faddoul, D.D.S., M.S.D., ’88,’93, Mayfield Village, OH
Jerome L. Faist, D.D.S. ’81, Chagrin Falls, OH
Kim L. Gardner, D.D.S. ’81, Chardon, OH
John H. Gerstenmaier, III, D.M.D. ’10 ’12, Akron, OH
Donald P. Lewis, Jr., D.D.S. ’76,’80, Euclid, OH
Tania Z. Markarian, D.D.S. ’97, Hinckley, OH
William R. Nemeth, D.D.S. ’81, Highland Heights, OH
Veronica W.K. Ng, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’93 ’97, Plymouth, MI
Leena B. Palomo, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’00 ’04, Cleveland, OH
Lisa Peti D.D.S. ’83, Mayfield Heights, OH
Leone M. Pullella, D.D.S., ’85, Beachwood, OH
Christine Skordeles, D.D.S. ’96, New York, NY
Andrew W. Skorobatzkyj, D.D.S. ’00, Lakewood, OH
Myles L. Sokolof D.D.S. ’73, Pleasantville, NY
Nathaniel M. Taylor, D.M.D. ’08, Shaker Heights, OH
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“My life is crazy, but I mean that in a nice way,” says Rebecca L. Robbins, D.D.S. ’01, a pediatric dentist in Mayfield Heights, Ohio.

The craziness for Dr. Robbins comes from being a full-time mom to Brennan, 5, and Emily, 3, as well as being a full-time dentist. Her high energy, support from her family and office staff, and love of pediatric dentistry make it all work.

“I take my job and business very seriously, but I’m a mom first and foremost. I always try to put my children first in every way possible.”

Despite the attendant daily craziness, Dr. Robbins has discovered an unexpected benefit of motherhood.

“I definitely think being a mother has made me a better pediatric dentist,” she says. “I’m more understanding and more patient now, and the mothers who bring their children to my practice really appreciate that I have two small children of my own and can understand what’s going on in their lives.”

Dr. Robbins grew up in Highland Heights. She graduated from Miami University in Oxford, Ohio, with a bachelor’s in physiology, then earned her D.D.S. from the CWRU School of Dental Medicine in 2001. Following a pediatric dentistry residency at Rainbow Babies and Children’s Hospital, Dr. Robbins felt the time was right to start her own pediatric dentistry practice. She founded her practice, Rebecca L. Robbins D.D.S., Pediatric Dentistry, in 2008.

Dr. Robbins says that during her time at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, she was always inspired by the community outreach programs of James Lalumandier, D.D.S., M.P.H., professor and chair, Department of Community Dentistry. In addition, during her pediatric dentistry residency she was impressed with the commitment to community health displayed by Gerald Ferretti, D.D.S., M.S., M.P.H., chief of pediatric dentistry and professor and chair of the Department of Pediatric Dentistry. So, she recently organized an event that perfectly combined her love for pediatric dentistry and her passion for community health: Team Smile (www.teammile.org).

Team Smile brought together 21 dentists from across the region and 105 volunteers to provide dental care for 357 children from the Boys and Girls Clubs of Cleveland. The event took place July 23 at The Terrace Club at Progressive Field.

“I wanted to do something that would call attention to the oral health issues that we’re having in our city, and also make it fun,” Dr. Robbins says. “The dental community believed in me and this event and came together for it, and with the relationships I’ve forged we’ve been able to cement it as an annual event. It should just grow bigger and bigger and be able to provide more for the children of Cleveland.”

Always the mother, Dr. Robbins also cites the importance of the event for her own children.

“I hope it helps my children see that it only take one person to make a difference,” she says. “I hope they’re proud of the legacy that I’m starting for Cleveland.”

Dr. Robbins is quick to point out she couldn’t be fulfilling her dream without her great support system, which includes her mother and father, children, and family dog and office mascot, Emerson.

Of course, her husband, Vincent, who is director at a software company in California, merits a special mention.

“Although we both have very demanding jobs, we are a great team and together always put family first,” she says. The family resides in Chagrin Falls.

Dr. Robbins adds that she can recommend pediatric dentistry to any young female who might be considering it as a career.

“I really feel that being a pediatric dentist I can have my family, I can have my business, I can do community health outreach, and I can be me. Yes, it is a fast-paced life, between my office, the operating room, and home life. But I’m truly blessed and feel like I have it all.”

Rebecca Robbins, D.D.S. ’01, was front and center in bringing “Team Smile” to Progressive Field this summer. Photograph courtesy of Brooke Marich Photography, Cleveland, Ohio
1944
Mel A. Engelman and his wife, Muriel, live in Laguna Woods, CA. At 93, he still goes to the gym five times a week. He enjoys reading old fiction and loves visits from his daughter and son-in-law, who live nearby. He also has two grandsons. A World War II veteran who served in both Japan and China, Mel opened a practice after the war and practiced for 40 years. He retired in 1989 but continued as president of a dental laboratory company. He has consulted for the National Cancer Institute and produced 16 editions of an oral cancer examination brochure for the Public Health Service. “Dental school gave me an extremely productive, creative, and happy life,” he writes.

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James L. Lowder and his wife, Dorothy, live in Bratenahl, OH. They are busy gardening and traveling to visit their four children spread across the United States. He also has 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. “My degree allowed me to contribute significant amounts to charitable causes and to educate my children to become significant individuals in this world,” he writes.

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1949
Jack Weber lives in Pound Ridge, NY, and recently celebrated his 90th birthday. He enjoys good health and, in his free time, he plays golf. He has five children, 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. He has also been a member of Lions Club International for 60 years. “As a dentist, I became involved in a community, building not only my life and a family but that of hundreds of others in town,” Jack says. His wife, Betty, is deceased.

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1954
Bruce E. Brooks and his wife, Elaine, live in Atlantis, FL. He retired from practice in 1994.

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James Davakis and his wife, Sylvia, live in Madeira Beach, FL. James has two sons, who are physicians practicing in Columbus, OH, and a daughter, who is an attorney in Seminole, FL. He says he and his wife feel blessed to have nine grandchildren.

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Manuel Frankel and his wife, Paula Toppino, live in Ormond Beach, FL. They have three sons, two of whom are investment bankers and one who is an attorney. Manuel is enjoying golf and travel in his retirement. He says his education at the dental school “gave me the opportunity to help many people and to live a prosperous life with my wife and boys. It also afforded me the chance to make lifelong friends with my old roommate and classmate, Harry Cohen. If anyone is ever in the Daytona Beach, New Smyrna Beach, or Ormond Beach areas, please feel free to contact me.”

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William McHale lives with his wife, Patricia, in Garfield Heights, OH, where they were born. At age 89, the World War II veteran says he believes every day is a bonus. He and his wife spend fall and winter together on a Barrier Island in the Gulf of Mexico. Arthur says that his education at the dental school was the fulfillment of his dreams.

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1959
Richard G. Kinkelaar and his wife, Rosemary, live in Westlake, OH, and have been married for 55 years. They have four children and nine grandchildren. He enjoys family get-togethers, golf, and vacationing. “Dental school prepared me to be a good, honest dentist and treat all my patients as I wanted to be treated. It is a profession to be proud of,” he writes.

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Richard Lieberman and his wife, Catherine, live in Centerville, OH, except in the winter, when they live in Venice, FL. Richard is retired, and in their free time, he and his wife enjoy traveling. They have grandchildren in medical school, law school, and dental school.

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Gerald S. Wahl lives with his wife, Phyllis, in Strongsville, OH. In his free time, Gerald plays tennis three times a week and also enjoys playing golf and reading. He says his dental education meant “everything and provided a most satisfying life.”

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1961
Leonard Warren (orthodontics) and his wife, Freda, live in Burlingame, CA. He is retired, and his son, Fredric, has taken over his practice.
1964

Richard Benveniste and his wife, Donna, live in Beverly Hills, CA. He is still having fun practicing and recently was named one of “2014 Los Angeles Top Doctors and Dentists.” He will be presented the award on FOX Los Angeles. He has two sons and a daughter, who just gave birth to a girl. His wife is still acting, writing, and producing in the film industry. “Our school always provided the positiviity to make sure we would strive to be the best, and the education I received made graduate specialty training natural and easier,” he writes. “We’re lucky to have been students at our most special school.”

Harry Cohen and his wife, Bonnie, live in San Rafael, CA. They have a daughter who is an attorney, a son who is in venture capital, and three grandchildren. Harry is in dental marketing, which uses direct mail to attract new patients. In his free time, he enjoys golfing and swimming; Bonnie is an equestrian.

James McQuilkin lives in Hanoverton, OH, with his wife, Jean. They have six children and nine grandchildren. “I was blessed to get a dental education. I enjoyed dentistry and was good at it,” he writes.

Nelson Petrov and his wife of 52 years, Frances, live in Elyria, OH. Nelson retired and closed his practice in 2012. He donated all of his equipment to charity. He is keeping his license because he and his daughter, Lisa, volunteer at the Cleveland Zoological Veterinarian Hospital. He has two other daughters, Monique and Alycia, and a total of four grandchildren “who are all more intelligent than their grandpa.” “CWRU School of Dental Medicine gave me the opportunity to support my family, my profession and my community,” he writes. “I will always remember the fun times, the friendships, and Dean Boyle, who always corrected my English.”

Alan Robbins lives with his wife, Iris, in Beachwood, OH. He sees patients three days a week and in his free time plays tennis, goes fishing, and travels. He also loves gardening. He and wife have three sons, all of whom live in Cleveland, and five grandchildren. Alan says that his dental school education provided him with the opportunity to work with his father, uncle, and two nephews. “I still love to see patients after 50 years of practicing,” he says.

Herbert Stacks lives in Sarasota, FL. He retired in 2004. His wife, Arlene, passed away in 2007. He now is with his partner, Sharon. He winters in Sarasota, FL, and spends his summers in Rhode Island. His daughter and son live nearby in New England. He has four grandchildren and enjoys golf, sailing, gardening, and being in reasonably good health. “I will forever be grateful to CWRU dental school for its caring, nourishing, and supportive attitude to all students. I went into practice with a superior education and confidence,” he writes.

Bob Toth and his wife, Margo, live Kansas City, MO. He sold his orthodontic practice in 2006 to one of his former patients. He has three children and 10 grandchildren. He enjoys golf, staying fit, and spending time with his family. “It was a great experience for me to be in the dental profession,” he says. “My education at CWRU prepared me well to treat my patients.”

Giedra J. Matas
As a freshman starting dental school one has no idea what the chosen career will entail. Soon you learn! Will you like the profession once you graduate or will you dislike it? Thankfully, the good Lord has been good to me and the family, and I am still practicing with my daughter, Dr. Daina K. Matas.

It is a health profession, more today than it was in 1964, and it is a privilege to actively participate and alleviate our fellow man’s and woman’s dental disease.

Today in dentistry we have more autonomy than our colleagues the physicians. Of “twelve thousand physicians surveyed, only 6% described their morale as positive,” W.S.J., August 30-31, 2014.

In dentistry, it is certainly higher. As long as we are true to ourselves and our patients, we can be happy in our careers. I am writing in the present tense because I am actively practicing.

Without bragging, my daughter and I are the first mother-daughter to graduate from CWRU Dental School and the first mother-daughter to be inducted into Omicron Kappa Upsilon.

In addition, other family members are my son, Richard, and husband of 50 years, Stephen, Ph.D. FASM, AMP’ 84, and three grandchildren.
Alan Vincent and his wife, Eleanor, live in Wycliffe Modesto, CA. They have been married for 54 years. They have five children, 24 grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren. Alan has served on the Modesto City school board for about nine years. He enjoys hiking in the High Sierras and researching his family genealogy and history. He still practices dentistry two to three days a week. 

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Gregg Farwick and his wife, Dulcie, live in Huntington Beach, CA. He has been retired for a little more than two years. He now spends his time with his seven grandchildren and also travels with his wife, gols, and manages his real estate investments. Commenting on his education, he says, "It was four years of hard work to earn a degree in a respectable profession that is both satisfying and rewarding." 

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Robert J. Gange and his wife, Valerie, live in Windsor, CT. He is involved with his full-time practice. They have two married children and five grandchildren. He comments: "My dental school education afforded me the opportunity to earn a degree in a very rewarding profession." 

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James F. Mungo and his wife, Janet, live in Akron, OH. James retired in 2012 and enjoys spending time with his two children and six grandchildren. He also enjoys boating, fishing, golf, and playing bridge. James and his wife spend several months in Bonita Springs, FL, with fellow classmate Doug Brown and his wife, Teresa. He also volunteers at a local historical site, Hale Farm and Village. "I had teachers who cared and programs that were ahead of their times," he writes. 

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Paul C. Rohner and his wife, Eloise, live in Phoenix. Paul retired in 2010 after practicing pediatric dentistry for 36 years at Maricopa Integrated Health System. His wife retired in 2004 after teaching high school chemistry for 30 years. He has two sons, Otto and Walter. His son Otto resides in Phoenix, and Walter practices dentistry in Raleigh, NC. "My dental education taught me valuable skills which opened doors of opportunity," he says. "I was able to be of service to the dependent children at Loring AFB in Maine and later to the children of Maricopa Integrated Health System." 

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John Roush retired from his family dental practice in 2008. He and his wife, Catherine, live in Holland, MI. In his free time, John enjoys boating, fishing, camping, hiking, and traveling to national parks. They have two daughters; Erica is a psychotherapist who lives in Boulder, CO, and Kaylea is a middle school teacher who lives in Fort Collins, CO. "My dental school education was a life-changing breath of fresh air," he says. "At CWRU, I learned knowledge and skills I could directly apply in the practice of dentistry. I enjoyed living in the Delta Sigma Delta house on campus. I met my wife at CWRU. It changed my life." 

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1966

James Altiere (orthodontics) lives with his wife, Mary, in Canfield, OH. Now retired, he has 10 grandchildren.

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1967

Richard Valentine (orthodontics) and his wife, Joann, live in Naples, FL. He retired in 1996 and has since been playing lots of tennis. He says his dental education meant him being able to make a great number of people happy through his work.

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1969

Leo Congeni and his wife, Audrey, have lived in Rocky River, OH, for more than 44 years. They also own a home in Florida. Leo retired from dentistry in 2000. His son Jeff is an ophthalmologist, son Jed has a master’s degree in education, and son Leo is a bankruptcy lawyer. He and his wife have seven grandchildren.

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Van Doolittle and his wife, Susan, live in Moravia, NY. In his free time, he enjoys boating, fishing, and woodworking. He travels to Georgia for part of the winter. Van, who is retired, says, “Dental school allowed me to be financially secure and to meet many, many nice people.”

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George Vasilakis lives in Greece with his wife, Chrysoula, who is retired from teaching. He recently built a summer home on property that previously was owned by his maternal grandfather. George says he keeps busy gardening and working on the property. He still enjoys practicing dentistry. He has two daughters who are both dentists, and three grandchildren.

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John Stasun and his wife, Kathleen, live in Woodside, CA. He practices orthodontics three days a week. He has a small house in Half Moon Bay, CA, that he converted into his orthodontic office in 1980. He plans to continue his practice as long as he is in good health. The Stasuns have two children, Kahlen and Kevin. In addition to flying and maintaining airplanes, he also loves biking and outdoor activities. His says his education at the dental school was quite an experience; after breaking both legs in a tobogganing accident, Dr. Clark and a fellow student, Jim Ballrick, assisted him in keeping up with classes. "Dental school was a stepping stone to my career as an orthodontist," he says. "I have enjoyed my patients and still get a great feeling when I remove their braces and see them smile."

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Johndavid Roush and his wife, Esline, live in Fort Collins, Co. He enjoys living in the Delta Sigma Delta house on campus. I met his wife at CWRU. It changed my life."
1971

Thomas A. Giegerich (orthodontics) lives in Margate, NJ. He is semi-retired, only practicing orthodontics two times a week. He has three sons and seven grandchildren. He enjoys spending summers on the Jersey shore and traveling. He says a favorite dental school memory was debarding his first “perfect-result” orthodontic case.

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Joseph M. Pelle (orthodontics) lives with his wife, Glenda, in Southlake, TX. Retired, he says he is thankful for the dental school for giving him his life’s work. His favorite dental school memory is his classmates and singing with the Pitt Dentones.

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1972

Paul Litvin (periodontics) lives in Buffalo Grove, IL. He works as a periodontist in several offices. He has a son, a daughter, and a new grandson.

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1973

David Becker and his wife, Kerry, moved to Bradenton, FL, in November 2013. He retired from practice in April 2013 after 38 years. David joined the new Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine School of Dental Medicine (Bradenton campus) as a preceptor in May 2014. “What a great way to maintain the way we learned and still stay active in dentistry,” he says. The Beckers have four children and two granddaughters. Kerry Becker is busy with real estate in Florida as well as enjoying sewing. Florida is fabulous, David writes, adding that his golf game is improving.

1974

Scott L. Alperin and his wife, Leslie, live in Mayfield Heights, OH. He has three children. He has a full-time private practice and is the chief of the Department of Dentistry Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery at Hillcrest Hospital. He enjoys cycling, skiing, aviation, and photography. His says his education gave him “the basis for becoming a successful and happy oral and maxillofacial surgeon in private practice.”

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Raymond B. Hadley and his wife, Mary Lee, live in Cottage Grove, OR. Raymond retired earlier this year and expects to spend most of the year traveling. He enjoys working in his yard, where he has built a 4,000-gallon pond and waterfall. He has six children and 13 grandchildren.

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Anthony M. Kessler and his wife, Barbara, live in Manalapan, NJ. He has had a private practice in general dentistry for 40 years. In 2012, he became the first dentist in New Jersey to attest to the “meaningful use” of electronic health records. Anthony has four children and three grandchildren. Anthony is also a fencing master at the Freehold Fencing Academy. “I treasure my CWRU education and my four years in Cleveland,” he says. “The faculty was fantastic, especially Dr. Bernie Abrams. My PSI Omega buddies are all still dear friends, especially Dr. Dennis Schirippa.”

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Ed Meckler and his wife, Debbi, live in Pepper Pike, OH. He is semi-retired, devotes his time to several professional dental organizations and is still involved with the dental support organization that he founded in 1981. He also volunteers at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine. He spends six months of the year in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. He has three married daughters and six grandchildren, all whom live in Cleveland. “My dental education provided a wonderful lifestyle for my family, both professionally and socially,” he says. “If I had to do it over again, I would choose the same profession.”

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Jeffrey Resnick and his wife, Helen, live in Vail, CO. They have two daughters and six grandchildren. Jeffrey practices two to three days a week and spends his remaining time as a professional ski instructor. He loves the outdoors and mountain environment and has started amateur work as a silversmith. “My dental education gave me time to do the recreational and creative endeavors that I like,” he writes.

Dennis J. Schirripa lives in Medina, OH. He enjoys spending time with his nieces and nephews. He also enjoys fishing in Canada with friends and has traveled to Italy twice in the past two years to stay in the village of his grandparents. He also still enjoys his practice and all the wonderful families he treats. He comments on his education: “I felt from day one in practice [that] I was prepared for the many challenges ahead. I have never been disappointed. The great friendships and loyalty to the school means a lot to me.”

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Elliott B. Siegel and his wife, Kathleen, live in Cold Spring Harbor, NY. They have three children and two granddaughters. Elliott volunteers his services all over the world. In 2014, he will spend three weeks in Jordan treating patients in the Syrian refugee camps. Commenting on his education, he says “It was a wonderful four years [with] great instructors and many friends.”

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Stephen A. Yamokoski and his wife, Lynn, live in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. He has three married children, a step-daughter, and seven grandchildren. Stephen practices dentistry three days a week and spends one day each week at Summa Center for Dental Health as a clinical director for seven dental residents. He spends the remaining weekday with his grandchildren.

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1976

Neal Murphy (periodontics) and his wife, Florencia, live in Agoura Hills, CA. Neal recently published two articles. He says of his dental school education: “[I got to] successfully meet the scientific and economic challenges of the 21st century and steer professional development toward my goals, not the fickle winds of fate.” He says his favorite dental school memory was “being given the unencumbered opportunity for self-actualization as a professional and the intellectual tools to survive and thrive in the marketplace of translational science.”

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1978

Gary Johnson and his wife of 20 years, Tammy, live in Shelby, OH, where he also practices four days a week. Tammy works at the practice, too. They have five adult children and four grandchildren and have been “empty nesters” for three years. “When not doing dentistry, we spend our time traveling in our 40-foot Phaeton motor home, quite often with grandkids in tow — so much for the empty nest,” Johnson writes. “My dental education not only taught me my life’s work, which I will be forever grateful; it also taught me that nothing good ever comes easy,” he adds.

Mark Hans and his wife, Susan, live in Berea, OH. He has three children: Sarah is chief resident of general surgery at St. John’s Hospital in Detroit; Jack is a special education teacher and intervention specialist in the Brooklyn City Schools; and Thomas is a senior at Kenyon College.

Bill Hoekstra and his wife of 34 years, Maria, live in Holland, MI, and have three children. Chris, 28, lives in England; Elizabeth, 26, is married and is a mechanical engineer; and Marcus, 18, started at Wabash College in the fall. Bill practices oral surgery with a seven-person group covering three cities. He enjoys music, arts, traveling, and photography in his free time.

Dick Hom lives with his wife, Kathleen, in Clayton, CA. He owns a private practice in Concord, CA, with fellow CWRU alum Rick Lam ’82. He and his wife have a daughter, Alli, 25, and a son, Sam, 21. He hopes to retire in Ohio. He says of his dental education: “I’m always grateful [to CWRU] for allowing me to become a dentist or I would have had to take over my dad’s grocery store!”

Keith Hoover and his wife of 38 years, Kathleen, live in Hudson, OH, and have two children, Kristen and Kevin. He enjoys traveling, is an avid golfer and photographer, and sings and plays guitar in his church praise band. “My dental school education gave me the keys to a wonderful profession,” he writes. “I still enjoy practicing and have no plans to retire just yet!”

Bryan Philip and his wife of 37 years, Kathi, live in Willoughby, OH. They spend summers in Ohio and winters in Mount Pleasant, SC. Bryan retired in 2012. He enjoys spending time with his four children and three grandsons. He’s also busy with cars, golf, Ebay, travel, and friends. Bryan has attempted to get on the CBS television show “Survivor” for 6 years but has yet to get the chance.

Tarambakua David Mukurazhizha and his wife, Patience, live in McLeansville, NC. He practices general dentistry for children aged one to 20 years. He has four children from his first marriage and one stepson. He is interested in real estate investments. Commenting on the significance of his education, he says: “It opened the world for me. I’ve worked in Zimbabwe, New York, Michigan, Botswana, and North Carolina and studied in Denmark and South Africa.”

1979

Todd Armbruster and his wife, Clare, live in Perrysburg, OH. They have been married for 26 years and have three children. He sold his practice of 30 years in 2013. He now occasionally substitutes in the office but you’re more likely to find him fishing. Commenting on his education at the dental school, Todd writes: “It gave me fundamentals to set up a business that supported my family well. My education allowed me to help many people.”

Tom Broderick and his wife, Linda, live in Savannah, GA. Tom is in his 30th year of orthodontic practice. After graduation, he spent three years in the Navy Dental Corp, after which he returned to school at St. Louis University for his orthodontic residency. He then joined a practice in Savannah. He has spent 12 years on the Georgia ADA delegation and has been involved in local and state organized dentistry. He has four grown children and six grandchildren. “My education at [CWRU’s] dental school has been a valuable asset for me over the years. It gave me a love for learning that never has left me,” he writes.

Mark Hans (orthodontics) and his wife, Judie, passed away in 2011.

Bryan Philip (orthodontics) is retired from private practice and is an associate clinical professor in the CWRU School of Dental of Medicine’s Department of Orthodontics. His wife, Judie, passed away in 2011.

John Wazney recently surprised his wife, Marion Wazney ’80, with flowers to celebrate their wedding anniversary while attending a dental school reception in Mentor, OH.

1980

William Koenig (orthodontics) is retired from private practice and is an associate clinical professor in the CWRU School of Dental of Medicine’s Department of Orthodontics. His wife, Judie, passed away in 2011.

1982

John White (orthodontics) and his wife, Betsy, live in Richfield, OH. He is in full-time practice and has been part of the clinical faculty at the School of Dental Medicine’s Department of Orthodontics for the past 23 years. He has four children and five grandsons. He says his favorite dental
school memory was working late nights in the orthodontic department, discussing orthodontics with classmates.

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**Susanne Parrish** (pediatric dentistry) lives with her husband, Greg, in Cleveland Heights, OH. She has been in private practice for 30 years and has three children who are almost finished with college.

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**1983**

**Matthew Clemente** continues to be actively engaged in his full-time practice in Troy, NY. “I still love working after 30 terrific years, and I look forward to many more years of dentistry,” he writes. “I realize how fortunate I was to attend [the] CWRU School of Dental Medicine, and I’m looking forward to becoming more engaged as a new member of the School’s Alumni Association Board of Directors.” Matt is the proud father of three children, and in his spare time, he enjoys flying planes and fishing/camping in Northern Labrador.

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**1988**

**J. Scott Bernardy** and Pauline Carr, RDH, volunteered in March 2014 on Global Dental Relief’s (GDR) dental project held in Siem Reap, Cambodia. The project set up a dental clinic at a local school and provided first-time care to 800 children. “The children were the highlight of the trip for me,” said Scott. “I was moved by their shy smiles and their dramatic need for care. I felt our dental care and oral health education made a significant difference in the health and smiles of the children we served.”

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**1984**

**Scott Pinkard** (orthodontics) and his wife, Patti, live in Marquette, MI. He says he is very excited to have just retired.

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**Elaine Whitney** and her husband, Jim Whitney ‘81, ’83, live in Duluth, GA. She is in her 25th year of practice in Sugar Hill, GA. Her husband is now practicing with her. Her oldest daughter, Meg, is in her residency at Vanderbilt, and daughter Elise is finishing a dental hygiene program. Elaine’s twin sister, Carolyn, is finishing up her master’s degree in education. “I feel very blessed and fortunate that I received such a great dental school education at CWRU,” she writes.

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**1985**

**Jeffrey A. Cavallanza** (orthodontics) and his wife, Judith, live in Indiana, PA. His son, James, is part of the orthodontic program at Temple University, and daughter, Carmen, is studying nursing in the University of Pittsburgh/Carlow College nurse practitioner programs. His youngest daughter, Desiree, attends Temple’s Tyler School of Art and Temple Honors College. Commenting on his experiences, he states, “My dental school education allowed me to be truly creative in my professional and personal life.”

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**1987**

**Diana Kyrkos Davenport** (pediatric dentistry) and her husband, John, live in Port Clinton, OH. In their free time, they enjoy travelling, skiing, and playing tennis. Diana also has practiced Bikram yoga for the past two years. She says her dental school education: “My degree has given me the opportunity and means to provide for my children and enjoy my life.”

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**1989**

**Mark T. Armstrong** and his wife, Cameron, live in Troy, OH, where he also has a progressive, family-oriented general dental practice. He was appointed by Ohio Gov. Bob Taft to serve on the Ohio State Dental Board for two terms and served in various capacities, including president. Mark is a forensic odontologist for the Montgomery County Coroner’s Office. He received the Marvin Fisk Humanitarian Award in 2006 and has served on a vast number of boards. Mark is the proud father of four children.

**Scott Fleming** and his wife, Lucy, live in Milton, GA. His son Zach, 19, just finished his first year in college, and son Max, 15, just finished his first year of high school.

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Kevin Maltz lives in West Hartford, CT, with his wife of 25 years, Abbey. They have two sons. Dan, 22, lives in Los Angeles, and Jesse, 20, attends Ohio State University.

Thomas E. Rollins lives in Cleveland. He has a 19-year-old stepson. His mother is still living and is well at 89. His wife, Norene, recently passed away. He was with a practice for 11 years and is now looking for another opportunity. EMAIL: thomas.e.rollins09@gmail.com

Virginia Grace Luks lives with her husband, Martin Deblois, in Toronto. They married in September 2013. Her father retired in December 2013 after 45 years of practice. EMAIL: lukeorth@rogers.com

David E. Palo and his wife of 22 years, Sharon, live in Erie, PA. He has three children. He has a busy full-scope oral and maxillofacial surgery practice and is the chairman of the UPMC Hamot Medical Center’s Division of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. David is a diplomate of the American Board of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery and the National Dental Board of Anesthesiology. He also is a fellow of the American College of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons and the American Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons. Commenting on his experience at the dental school he writes, “It was a solid foundation and stepping stone for an exciting career. Dr. Goldberg and Dr. Powers had a significant impact.” EMAIL: teampalodsb@aol.com

Troy Frazee (Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery) and his wife, Darlyne (MED ’00), live in Kirtland Hills, OH. They have three children: Chase, 17, Taylor, 15, and Elise, 13. Troy says his dental education was “the foundation of my surgical practice today.” He says his favorite dental school memory is “all the friends [I’ve made] over the four years and still [have] today.” He operates his own private practice. EMAIL: tfrazeemd@aol.com

Steven C. Oltean lives in Grayslake, IL with his wife, Carrie. He is enjoying his private practice and spending time with his family and dogs. He likes attending soccer games, dance, gymnastics, running, and racing on weekends. “Dental school was an answer to my prayers,” he says. “[CWRU] allowed me to pursue my dream. Great preparation for the working world and a lot of fun in the process. Can’t wait for the kiddos to attend!” EMAIL: s.oltean@comcast.net

André Mickel is happy to announce his marriage to Estomarys Tall over Memorial Day weekend. The reception was held on campus at the Alumni House. They currently reside in Cleveland Heights, OH.

Janice (Vallera) Yanni and her husband, Anthony, live in Longmeadow, MA. They have three children: Adalenna, 6, Noella, 4, and Anthony, 2. She owns family orthodontic practices in Massachusetts and Connecticut.

Trevor H. Keller (pediatric dentistry) currently is working in Catskill, NY. His favorite dental school memory is a little off-beat: lying on his couch, too exhausted to take a shower but smelling too foully of gross anatomy formaldehyde to sleep.

Sukhdeep S. Dhaliwal received his D.D.S. degree in 2003 where he made lifelong friendships with his classmates. He continued at CWRU in the Oral Surgery program; receiving his medical degree in 2006 and his oral surgery certificate in 2008.

Sukhi and his wife, Narinder, are the proud parents of three children: Pavel 8 years old/second grade, and twins born September 25, 2013; Sophie and Dashel. They have a home in Bainbridge Island, WA. Sukhi has two offices; one in Silverdale and the other in Poulsbo, WA. In his spare time he enjoys being with his children, biking, weight lifting, and playing poker.

The Dhaliwals are very proud to present Sophie and Dashel to their CWRU colleagues and have provided this family picture.

We apologize for the error run in our Winter 2014 magazine.
2003

Nawaf Masri (orthodontics) and his wife, Abeer, live in Bloomfield, MI. He is busy with his practice and raising three children. His says his favorite memory from dental school is working with special needs children and the cleft palate clinic.

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2004

Garry Gill and his wife, Reena, live in Maple Ridge, British Columbia. In 2011, Garry started his oral surgery practice from scratch. Since then, he and his wife had their first child, Sahana, and are expecting their second child in September. Commenting on his education, Garry says: “Besides an excellent education, what I am most thankful for the great mentors and instructors who helped shape me into a better individual. I am grateful to have been around great teachers.”

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Ilya Dayn lives with his wife, Mila, in Lone Tree, CO. He operates his own private practice and says, “[I’m] finally getting into forensic odontology!”

2005

Kimberly Lindquist (endodontics) and her husband, John, live in Duluth, MN. They have two children in college, a senior in high school, and one child in 7th grade. Kimberly is thankful for her education and is appreciative of the faculty and staff of the dental school.

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2006

Jed Hildebrand (orthodontics) lives with his wife, Kimberly, in Dallas. Kimberly gave birth to their first child in January 2014. He says of his time at CWRU: “My education provided me not only with a wonderful career and wonderful livelihood but a way to communicate [with], diagnose, and treat patients. His favorite dental school memory is the orthodontic picnic volleyball match, where the staff played against the students.”
2007

Paula Ortiz (periodontics) and her husband of 14 years, Federico Osorio, live in Southlake, TX. They have two daughters, Sara and Sofia. Paula practices four days a week between group and private practice. As a clinical assistant professor, she teaches at Texas A&M and Baylor College of dentistry one day a week. She says her dental school education gave her “the opportunity to touch people’s lives and often times transform their outlook in life.” Her favorite dental school memory was talking to her mentor, Dr. Bissada. “No matter how difficult the question could possibly be, he would always have the right answer. He has taught me so many things, not only in periodontics but for life. I remember him every day of my life!”

2008

Gibb Fitzner and his wife, Jordana, have four children — Jayna, Kepler, Keira and Jensen — and live in Olds, Alberta, where he has a solo practice. “I really miss dental school!” he writes. “We had some really good times and good memories. We miss all of our good friends we made while we were there in ohio.” EMAIL: gfitzner@gmail.com

Larry Kalke (pediatric dentistry) and his wife, Misty, live in College Station, TX, where they are busy raising four children. Larry says he dental education means everything to him. His cherished memories are being around classmates and forming lifelong friendships. EMAIL: toothdockalke@gmail.com

2009

Breyn Peters-Schuster (orthodontics) and her husband, Daniel Schuster, live in Cranford, NJ. One year ago, Breyn opened up her own private practice in Cranford. She has two children, 5 and 2. The first person in her family to graduate college, her dental education has “opened doors for my children.” EMAIL: breyn.schuster@gmail.com

2010

John Orfanos (oral and maxillofacial surgery) and his wife, Angela, live in Bellaire, TX. In his spare time, he enjoys cooking, watching sports, and spending time with his 13-month-old daughter, Madeline. EMAIL: drjohnorfanos@gmail.com

2011

Michael Horan (oral and maxillofacial surgery) is section head of the oral and maxillofacial surgery department at the Cleveland Clinic. He and his wife, Julie, live in Bratenahl, OH. EMAIL: mph24@case.edu

2012

Jeff Van Kirk lives with his wife, Erica, in Salem, OR, where they recently moved with their two sons from where Jeff had previously been practicing, in Vancouver, WA. He owns a private practice in Stayton, OR, that he describes as a “small-town practice in a rural area.” In his spare time, he’s been learning to whitewater kayak and is teaching himself to play ragtime piano. “I made a lot of great friends at CWRU. I miss you guys. My GPR program at the Cleveland VA Hospital was a wonderful way to ‘finish’ dental school. I swear I did more implants and bridge work in that one year than I did in three to four years of private practice. It was awesome!” EMAIL: jeffvankirk97@hotmail.com

Rebecca Goldberg (pediatric dentistry) and her husband, James Rosenblum, live in Denver, where they enjoy skiing and hiking. She says of her dental school education: “It has provided me with the avenue to not only help and reach out to the community but provide care to those in need.” Her favorite dental school memory was Tooth Ball and her dental mission to Uganda. EMAIL: goldbergr@pacificdentalservices.com

2013

Jesse Carmen (orthodontics) lives in Columbus, OH, and is working in private practice with his father. Commenting on his education at the dental school, he states, “It gave me the opportunity to work in a field I love, helping patients and families improve their oral health.” EMAIL: Djesse@carmenorthodontics.com

Cyrine Cacheco (orthodontics) lives in Brussels, Belgium, where she recently took over her father’s orthodontic practice. She says her dental school education was “the start of a whole life of learning experiences.” Her favorite dental school memory was making great friends from all over world. In September 2014, she will marry her boyfriend, Christian, who is also a dentist.
Malcolm Birrell ’67 of Colorado, died April 27. He was 76. He is survived by two daughters, a son-in-law and a grandson.

Thomas A. Collins ’67 died March 24. He was 72. Dr. Collins achieved the rank of captain in the Army, serving as a dentist, and then practiced dentistry for more than 40 years in California and New Mexico. Specializing in TMJ and head and neck pain, he wrote a book, “Prisoner of Pain,” to help patients understand their pain and avoid surgery. Dr. Collins was on the faculty at the University of Southern California dental school and was a member (president for 11 years) of the San Gabriel Peer Review Committee. In his later years, he became involved with Dental Care In Your Home, which provided dental care to older adults in Albuquerque in their homes. Dr. Collins is survived by his wife of 16 years, Pamela; a son and daughter-in-law; two grandchildren; and a sister.

Seymour Bilfield ’47 died on September 3 in Beachwood, Ohio, at age 90. He is survived by his wife, Elaine, two sons, one daughter, nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Paul Ernst ’51 of Sandusky, OH, died June 14. He was 90. Dr. Ernst earned two Purple Hearts in World War II, where he served as a Sherman Tank commander and fought in the Battle of the Bulge. He practiced oral surgery before retiring after 40 years. In retirement, he served as the Erie County deputy coroner for 12 years. Dr. Ernst was a member of the Great Lakes Society of Oral Surgeons and the American Dental Association. He is survived by his wife of 63 years, Diane; a daughter and two sons; a son-in-law and two daughters-in-law; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; a sister-in-law; and other relatives.

Glade Crowther ’84 passed away at age 59 on August 3 in Ogden, UT. He enjoyed fishing, but his ultimate passion was his family. He is survived by his wife, Faye, seven children, and 11 grandchildren.

Richard Koler ’80 of South Euclid, OH, died May 14. He was 66. Dr. Koler practiced dentistry in Cleveland for more than 30 years until his retirement in 2013. He is survived by four children, two grandchildren, a sister, a niece and a nephew.

Jack Landau ’59 of Mayfield Heights died May 23. He was 80. Dr. Landau practiced orthodontia from 1962 to 1994 and founded and operated Waterford Fund as a second career from 1986 to 2006. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol; two sons and two daughters; five grandchildren; two sisters; and other relatives.

Joseph Lawrence ’68 of Stockton, CA, died March 2.

John McMahon ’53 of University Heights, OH died in June. He was 86. Dr. McMahon was very active with dental school. He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Dorothy; three daughters and a son; three sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

Andreas Kisis ’62 of Bay Village, OH, died Oct. 20, 2013. He was 74.

Dewey Patterson ’50 of Akron, OH died April 22. He was 92. Dr. Patterson was a dentist in the Firestone Park area of Akron for 34 years. He is survived by his wife of 27 years, Melanie; a granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Eugene Pawlicki ’45 died April 13, 2013. He was 90. A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II and the Korean War, Dr. Pawlicki was a family dentist in Sodus, NY, for many years. He was a founding member of the Sodus Town Ambulance Corp. He was predeceased by his first wife, Babe. Dr. Pawlicki is survived by his wife, Barbara; four daughters and two sons; three sons-in-law and a daughter-in-law; eight grandchildren; and other relatives.
Donald Enlow, MS, PhD, died July 5 in Wisconsin. He was 87. Dr. Enlow was the Thomas Hill Distinguished Professor and Chairman of Orthodontics at Case Western Reserve University from 1977 to 1989. While at CWRU, he also served as acting dean of the School of Dentistry for three years. After serving in the Coast Guard in World War II, he obtained his undergraduate degree and became an instructor of biology at the University of Houston. He received his master’s degree in 1951 and his Ph.D. in anatomy in 1955, both from Texas A & M University, then became an assistant professor of biology at West Texas State University. He then served with the anatomy department of the University of Michigan School of Medicine for 15 years, serving as director of the physical growth program at the Center for Human Growth and Development for six of them. He moved from Michigan to become the chairman of anatomy at West Virginia University School of Medicine in 1972. He moved to Cleveland in 1977.

Dr. Enlow received many awards and honors throughout his career. He lectured in 32 countries and wrote several books, including “Essentials of Facial Growth,” which is still being published today. He contributed chapters to 30 books and has written numerous articles in professional journals.

Upon retirement, Dr. Enlow became professor emeritus in the Department of Orthodontics at CWRU and continued as an adjunct professor at the University of North Carolina. In 2006, Dr. Enlow was honored for his lifelong contributions when New York University’s School of Dentistry held the Donald H. Enlow International Research Symposium in conjunction with the 50th anniversary of the first paper he published. New York University now holds Dr. Enlow’s collection of some 25,000 slides that span images of bone tissue from every vertebrate group from the earliest geological periods through the ages to the present.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Martha; a daughter; two granddaughters; and four great-grandchildren. The family would appreciate contributions toward the Donald H. Enlow Scholarship Fund at the CWRU School of Dental Medicine, Development/Alumni Relations Office, 2124 Cornell Road, Cleveland, OH 44106.
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ON THE ROAD

1) American Association of Endodontics Annual Session - April 2014

2) Oral Surgery Continuing Education Course - June 2014

3) American Association of Endodontics Annual Session - April 2014

4) American Association of Endodontics Annual Session - April 2014

5) American Association of Endodontics Annual Session - April 2014

6) National Dental Association Conference - July 2014

7) University Reception to honor Jerold Goldberg - April 2014
10. American Association of Orthodontists Annual Session – April 2014
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12. University Reception to honor Jerold Goldberg – April 2014
PARTIAL LIST OF 2014 HOMECOMING EVENTS

$10 HOMECOMING REGISTRATION FEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16
Blue Block Party
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Toby’s Plaza
11471 Euclid Avenue
(Corner of Euclid and Mayfield)
Join the campus community as we kick off Homecoming weekend on Toby’s Plaza for a dynamic street festival with food, music, entertainment, and more.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17
The Future of Patient Care:
Our New Health Education Campus
9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Richard F. Celeste Biomedical Research Building (BRB) – Frohring Auditorium
2109 Adelbert Road (on campus)
Join the Medical, Nursing and Dental School deans to learn about the future of patient care and how small group interprofessional learning at Case Western Reserve is preparing our medical, nursing and dental medicine students to work in health care teams. Then, climb aboard Cleveland’s own Lolly the Trolley for a short, narrated ride over to the building site.

Homecoming Luncheon
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
*NEW* Tinkham Veale University Center
11038 Bellflower Road (on campus)
Reconnect with your friends, classmates, fellow alumni, faculty and other special guests over a delightful lunch and join us for one of the most memorable gatherings on campus. Jerold Goldberg ’70 will receive the University’s Distinguished Alumni Award. Cost: $25 (free for those who graduated in 1964 and before)

Meet the Dean
5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Gold Ballroom Assembly Hall
24 Public Square
Cleveland, OH
Meet Kenneth Chance ’79 who joined the school in July as Dean. Stop by before the Dental Reception and Dance Party.

Dental Reception and Dance Party
6:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Presentation of the 2014 Distinguished Alumnus Award
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Gold Ballroom
24 Public Square
Cleveland, OH
Meet Kenneth Chance ’79 who joined the school in July as Dean. Stop by before the Dental Reception and Dance Party.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
Continuing Education Course / Continental Breakfast
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Whitehall Room
24 Public Square
Cleveland, OH
Complimentary Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
Join us for a light morning refreshment at 8:30 a.m. before the continuing education course that begins at 9:00 a.m.

Continuing Education Course
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
The “Secrets” of Predictably Successful Endodontics: Spectacular Non-Surgical Endodontics will be presented by André Mickel, D.D.S., M.S.D. ’91, ’94, the Chairman and Post-Doctorate Program Director of the Endodontic Residency Program at the School of Dental Medicine. This fast paced, explosively motivational seminar in Endodontic state-of-the-art science and practice will provide an overview of modern Endodontics.

Just a few things that attendees will learn:
• The Minimum, Quick and Easy EMERGENCY treatment for schedule disrupting patients!
• How to help Reduce Pain and Anxiety in your patients the second they walk into your office!
• The **secret to avoiding** the single most common cause of RCT frustration that leads to increased treatment time and generally may lead to failure.

2.0 hours of free dental continuing education credit

Reignite your Spartan Spirit at the Homecoming parade, tailgate and football game where the CWRU Spartans will take on Geneva College. Game tickets are free with advance registration.

**Parade and Parade Watch**
10:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Alumni House
11310 Juniper Road (on campus)

**Spartan Tailgate**
11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Leutner Commons
1619 Mistletoe Drive (on campus)
Cost: $15

**Football Game**
1:30 p.m.
Village Stadium
1672 East 117th Street (on campus)

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**Lunch with the Dean/ Walking Tour of the Dental School**
CWRU School of Dental Medicine
2124 Cornell Road (on campus)
Patient Waiting Area

**Lunch with the Dean**
12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.
Join Dean Kenneth Chance ’79 and the Alumni Association for lunch in the patient waiting area on the ground floor at the School of Dental Medicine.
Cost: $15 for lunch.

**Walking Tours of the Dental School**
1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Tour groups will depart from the patient waiting area. Relive your school days and take a complimentary guided tour of the school. Observe the exciting changes and hear firsthand about the new programs underway. Transportation provided from Renaissance Hotel to the dental school.

Gather with your classmates for a time of reminiscing. Class dinners will be held at the Renaissance Hotel and other locations. Class photos will be taken during this time. Cost: $50

**Class of 1989 will receive separate information**

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19**

**Stephanie Tubbs Jones GospelFest Concert Celebration**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
John Jay High School, Main Auditorium
2075 Stokes Boulevard
Cleveland, OH
Showcasing the talents of local musicians, churches and youth organizations in an annual celebration of the rich heritage of gospel music in Cleveland. Named in honor of Stephanie Tubbs-Jones — a dedicated public servant and dual alumna of Case Western Reserve, the concert also serves as the culminating celebration of Homecoming weekend.

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**Dental Reunion Class Dinners and Class Photos**
for class years ending in 4 and 9
5:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Renaissance Cleveland Hotel
Ambassador Room
24 Public Square
Cleveland, OH
**October 11, 2014**
Reception at the American Dental Association Annual Meeting
Marriott Rivercenter
101 Bowie Street
San Antonio, TX
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

**October 16-19, 2014**
Homecoming 2014
Events will be held around the university and in downtown Cleveland
All are invited to attend
There will be special events for those class years ending in 4 and 9 that are celebrating a reunion

**November 30, 2014**
Reception at the Greater New York Dental Meeting
Kellari Taverna
19 W 44th Street
New York, NY
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**January 28, 2015**
Join President Barbara R. Snyder
Port Royal Club
2900 Gordon Drive
Naples, FL
Time: TBD

**January 30, 2015**
Reception at the Yankee Dental Congress
The Westin Boston Waterfront
425 Summer Street
Boston, MA
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

**February 27, 2015**
Reception at the Chicago Midwinter Meeting
Hyatt McCormick Place Hotel
2233 S. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Drive
Chicago, IL
4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

**March 2015 (Date TBD)**
Reception at the Hinman Dental Meeting
Omni Hotel
100 CNN Center
Atlanta, GA
6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**May 17, 2015**
Commencement for the Class of 2015

You do not have to attend the conference to attend the reception.

For more information and to RSVP, contact the Office of Development & Alumni Relations at 216.368.3480, toll free 877.468.1436 or email dentalalumni@case.edu

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Thank You – Every Gift Truly Makes A Difference!